

that were issued by them, from time to time, granting concessions, preferential treatment, etc., to overseas-retained men in the clerical and ministerial ranks of the service?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to state whether any, and, if so, what steps are being taken by them to see that heads of departments adhere to the terms of those circulars?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(a) Copies† of the circulars issued by the Government in the matter are laid on the table. The member is referred to the answer to question No. 74.

(b) Government are not aware of any instance of heads of departments having ignored the circulars in regard to preferential treatment of overseas-retained men.

*Assessment on Cherikkal Lands.*

84. MR. K. DOMINIC TOMMAN (*Peermade cum Devicolum*): Were not the rates of tax for the lands comprised in *cherikkal* settlement cases fixed by the settlement officers?

(b) Is not the tax assessed for *jenmam cherikkal* lands one-half of the tax fixed for *pandarapattam cherikkal* lands under the *Cherikkal Settlement Rules*?

(c) Has not tax at the rate of three fanams per acre, as assessed at the settlement, been realised since 1085 M. E. on lands comprised in Survey Nos. 194-1 C, 196-1 C, 197-1 B, 199-1, 201-1 B, 210-1 and 273-1 B of the Kanjirapalli *pakuthi*?

(d) Were not the lands comprised in Survey Nos. 189/1 B, 192/1, 225/1 and 225/2 of the Kanjirapalli *pakuthi* assessed at the settlement and were not rates of tax fixed for them?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b) The tax assessed for *jenmam cherikkals* is one-half of that for *pandaravagai cherikkals*.

(c) The rate of tax as per settlement is three fanams per acre for Survey Nos. 196/1 C, 197/1 B, 199/1, 201/1 B, and 273/1 B, four fanams per acre for Survey No. 194/1 C, and two fanams per acre for Survey No. 210/1, and tax at these rates was being recovered till 1085. From 1085 the recovery of the tax was held in abeyance pending the decision of the civil suit filed against the Sirkar by the occupants of the lands.

(d) The answer is in the affirmative.

*Enhancement of Tax on Cherikkal Lands.*

85. MR. K. DOMINIC TOMMAN (*Peermade cum Denicolum*):

(a) Are the Government aware that steps are being taken by the revenue authorities to enhance the rates of tax fixed by the settlement authorities for the lands comprised in the survey numbers referred to in question No. 76?

† Vide appendix I—pages 731-737.